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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Huismann et al.
Serial No. : 10/728629
Filing Date : December 5, 2003
For : Method and Apparatus For Feeding Wire to
 a Welding Arc

Group Art Unit : 3742
Attorney Docket No. : ITW 14417.70

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the issuance of the first Office Action please
amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and
include both an attached replacement sheet and an original sheet
which is being deleted.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement sheets 1-6 is attached
following page 3 of this paper.